

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) A method of maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system, said method comprising:

firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment based on said second rate.

6. (original) The method of maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system according to claim 5, wherein:

said second recording is performed before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

7. (previously presented) Apparatus for maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system, comprising:

means for firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

means for secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

means for revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment based on said second rate.

8. (original) The apparatus for maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system according to claim 7, wherein:

said means for secondly recording performs said recording before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

9. (new) The method of maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system according to claim 5, further comprising:

reporting a balance of said subscriber account in terms of time remaining.

10. (new) The apparatus for maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system according to claim 7, further comprising:

means for reporting a balance of said subscriber account in terms of time remaining.

11. (new) A method of reporting subscriber account balance information, said method comprising:

firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment based on said second rate.

12. (new) The method of reporting subscriber account balance information according to claim 11, wherein:

said second recording is performed before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

13. (new) The method of reporting subscriber account balance information according to claim 11, further comprising:

reporting a balance of said subscriber account in terms of time remaining.

14. (new) Apparatus for reporting subscriber account balance information, comprising:

means for firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

means for secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

means for revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment based on said second rate.

15. (new) The apparatus for reporting subscriber account balance information according to claim 14, wherein:

said means for secondly recording performs said recording before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

16. (new) The apparatus for reporting subscriber account balance information according to claim 14, further comprising:

means for reporting a balance of said subscriber account in terms of time remaining.

17. (new) A method of adjusting a subscriber's account for replenishments or recharges accomplished with potentially different rate plans, said method comprising:

firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment based on said second rate.

18. (new) The method of adjusting a subscriber's account for replenishments or recharges accomplished with potentially different rate plans according to claim 17, wherein:

said second recording is performed before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

19. (new) The method of adjusting a subscriber's account for replenishments or recharges accomplished with potentially different rate plans according to claim 17, further comprising:

reporting a balance of said subscriber account in terms of time remaining.

20. (new) Apparatus for adjusting a subscriber's account for replenishments or recharges accomplished with potentially different rate plans, comprising:

means for firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

means for secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

means for revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment based on said second rate.

21. (new) The apparatus for adjusting a subscriber's account for replenishments or recharges accomplished with potentially different rate plans according to claim 20, wherein:

said means for secondly recording performs said recording before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

22. (new) The apparatus for adjusting a subscriber's account for replenishments or recharges accomplished with potentially different rate plans according to claim 20, further comprising:

means for reporting a balance of said subscriber account in terms of time remaining.